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1. AFTER TALKS WITH MARKETING MANAGER AT KUWAIT METAL
PIPES INDUSTRIES (KMPI) AND WITH SENIOR MINISTRY OF OIL
OFFICIAL, EMBASSY CAN CORRECT AND CLARIFY INFORMATION
PROVIDED IN SECOND REFTEL, PARA 5.

2. SUDROHRBAU GMBH AND COMPANY IS WORKING AS SUBCON-
TRACTOR FOR KMPI ON A PROJECT IN THE SUDAN, AND HAS NO
CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH REGARD TO KUWAIT GAS UTILIZA-
TION PROJECT. PIPELINE ENGINEERING COMPANY OF ESSEN,
GERMANY HAS BEEN RETAINED BY KMPI TO ADVISE ON SUBJECT
PROJECT, WHICH INVOLVES THE LAYING OF PIPE NECESSARY TO
CONNECT GAS FIELDS, BOOSTER STATIONS, AND PROCESSING
PLANT.

3. KMPI IS LOCAL INDUSTRIAL CONCERN ENGAGED IN FABRI-
CATION OF SPIRAL-JFLD PIPE. MOST OF COMPANY'S PRODUCTION
EXPORTED TO SAUDI ARABIA, WHERE ARABIAN AMERICAN OIL
COMPANY (ARAMCO) PURCHASES PIPE FOR USE IN THEIR
OPERATIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MOST OF KMPI'S EQUIPMENT
GOMES FROM WEST GERMANY, WITH LARGE PIECES OF MACHINERY
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4. EMBASSY REGRETS MISIDENTIFICATION OF PIPELINE
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